

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

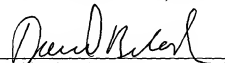
Claims 30 and 31 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-29 have been canceled by the present amendment.

This application is a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of parent application Serial No. 09/956,001, filed on September 20, 2001, and includes non-elected Claims 30 and 31 of the parent application. Attached herewith is also a substitute specification which is the same as the substitute specification in the parent application.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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